

Phil. Sept 8/87.
 To the Director of the Mines
 Washington D.C.
 Sir.

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 in the aggregate & should have rec'd
the whole contract. as awarded in
former years—

2nd that if Bid is divided between
Ponton & myself that then besides
 the few awarded to me that I
 am lower than Ponton on the following
 and I claim they should be also
 awarded to me—

1 st No. 1.	Bds	Phil	39 1/2	} Ponton	\$ 46	
1 st " 2	"	"	25		"	38
1 st " 3	"	"	12		"	14

Over

also -
 No: 1 Vig. flg 1' & 1 1/4"
 Pche \$ 25 Benton \$ 26-

also
 Russmids Pche
 \$ 25 87

Benton gives two Bids, & he had no
 right to do so according to
Schedule, only one was required
 but

take his average even by 16 50

leaves

I still am the loser

Now I think I present a
strong case both on the aggregate
award & the award by items -
 I don't like to complain
 but this seems so strong & plain a
 case that I must ask that justice
 be done to myself & in the interest
 of the government. If you can

in any way explain away my
claims herein set forth nothing
would please me better —

but if not I shall con-
tinue to think that I have
not been awarded what is
justly due me —

I am responsible —
always filled all my contracts
I stand well in the business world

I hope you will correct the
matter — my own opinion is that
Capt Fox signed the papers as
marked to him & did not examine
personally hence the error —

Very Respectfully
Yrs &c
Elias Fiske

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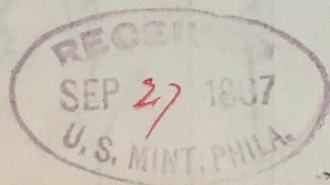
Re to awards for Lumber
at Phila Mint 1887-88

Mint Bureau

Sept 24th 1887

Respectfully informs to
Supr Mint Phila

R. B. Preston
Acting Director



[Abstract:] Rel. to awards for Lumber at Phila. Mint 1887-88.

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1" No. 1 Bds	Pohl 39 c2	Benton \$46
1" " 2 "	" 25	" 38
1" " 3 "	" 12	" 14
Also No. 1 Virg. Flg. 1" & 1 ¼ "	Pohl \$25	Benton \$26
Also Basswood	Pohl \$25.87	

Benton gives two Bids, & he had no right to do so according to schedule, only one was required but take his average even viz

16.50
37 –
2) \$53.50
Leaves 26.75

& I still am the lowest

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But if not I shall continue to think that I have not been awarded what is justly do me.

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[Noted on back:]

Mint Bureau
September 24, 1887

Respectfully referred to Supt. Mint U.S. Phila.

R.E. Preston
Acting Director